Sharon Roberts 131 Ardmore Rd. Kensington CA 94707

Sep 5th 2018

Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

Those of us who must budget our services need reasonable competition in the broadband market. AT&T was broken up once because it was a monopoly choking competition. We have just had a taste of it's greediness after the purchase of Direct TV; the increase in the cost of service was dramatic. Of course many of us left. Comcast was charging an exorbitant amount for slow internet and phone service. When I explored adding cable, I was stunned by the cost. No wonder so many people, especially young people who are having trouble affording a roof over their heads, are leaving these services.

Cutting off competition doesn't seem like a very intelligent way to encourage future business to me. And it certainly doesn't seem like an appropriate action for a government agency ostensibly serving the public good. Sonic offers a good product with good customer service at a reasonable price. Why should its competing businesses be allowed to choke a fine company using government agencies to do it?

Smells like monopoly again to me.

Sharon Roberts